

return to Earth, will be distributed to the victims' families and survivors of the September 11 attacks.

Dan always recognized NASA's potential to inspire students to elect careers in science, mathematics and engineering. His personal leadership and the NASA programs that he supported have involved hundreds of students in hands-on research experiences. NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program not only allows the students to actually participate in research, but it also pays them a salary as well. This intensive science and engineering apprenticeship program is specifically designed to attract and increase underrepresented students' participation and success rates in mathematics, science, technology and engineering courses.

Mr. Speaker, the nation is fortunate to have such outstanding public servants as Administrator Goldin. He has led NASA and its international partners in exploring the frontiers of space and inspiring benefits to life on Earth. Accordingly, it is appropriate today that we recognize and highly commend Daniel Goldin as the longest serving administrator of NASA and that we express our appreciation for his leadership of the nation's space program.

LARISSA JAFFE MEMORIAL

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to speak of the death of Ms. Larissa Jaffe of Salt Lake City, Utah. Ms. Jaffe was a 63-year-old Peace Corp volunteer in Zimbabwe when she was killed in a suspected homicide. Although the two men who are believed to be the perpetrators of this heinous crime have been apprehended, the loss to Ms. Jaffe's family, the Peace Corps, and indeed, the United States is great.

Ms. Jaffe is a perfect example of what every American should hope to be. A Russian immigrant, she had a strong commitment to education. When she became a naturalized citizen of the United States, she already held a PhD in geology from the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. While living in the US she obtained a Masters Degree in foreign language instruction and a technical degree in data processing. She was a certified teacher in Utah, a certified nursing assistant in California, and an emergency medical technician.

While Ms. Jaffe lived a life of learning, she enjoyed teaching others as well. She was a teacher in Utah, Massachusetts and California. She had experience in medical research and even worked analyzing the effectiveness of health care institutions.

In 1994 and 1995, she fulfilled her desires to travel by traveling to over two-dozen countries in a solo trek around the world. She visited South America and Southeast Asia extensively, and explored Morocco, Russia and Australia. Her desire for adventure culminated in her decision to give two years out of her life to serve in the Peace Corps in Zimbabwe.

Of all that can be said of her, the words of Peace Corps Acting Deputy Director Lloyd Pierson are the most fitting. He said, "Mrs. Jaffe's death is an enormous loss to Peace Corps. . . . From all that I have come to

know about Mrs. Jaffe, she was industrious, innovative, creative and motivated. She was an inspiration and role model to her colleagues and the staff."

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES ARMY MAJOR DWAYNE WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor United States Army Major Dwayne Williams. Major Williams was a man who dedicated his life to God and his country. He had recently completed the Army Command General College officer course and was assigned to work at the Pentagon in July. Unfortunately, Major Williams was assigned to an Army wing of the Pentagon that was struck by the hijacked plane on September 11, 2001, and lost his life to the terrorist attack.

Major Williams, only 40 years old, already had an impressive record of service to our nation. He started as a paratrooper and served with the elite rangers at Fort Benning, Georgia and later served in the Persian Gulf War. He spent three years in Egypt at the American embassy and then two years as a company commander at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Major Dwayne Williams had strong ties to the 511 District of Alabama, where his parents still reside. Major Williams was a star football player at Jacksonville High School and later at the University of North Alabama. He leaves behind his wife Tammy and his two children, Tyler and Kelsie; his parents, Horace and Pearl Williams; and his three brothers, Roy Williams, Air Force Staff Sergeant Troy Williams, and Army Sergeant 1st Class Kim Williams. Major Dwayne Williams was an eighteen year veteran of the United States Army and will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and also by the country that he dutifully and selflessly served for many years.

HONORING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FRESNO DISTRICT OFFICE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Fresno District Office for their contributions and efforts in the community. The U.S. Small Business Administration is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

The Fresno District Office has been transformed into one of the most user-friendly vital economic development resources for the business community in the Central Valley. Over the past five years, the Fresno District Office has assisted over 3,893 businesses with loans totaling \$1.1 billion. The Fresno District Office works by a simple motto: be visible, proactive and responsive to the business community and other resource partners.

The Fresno District Office has had a presence in Fresno, California for over thirty years, working with and assisting local businesses. In 2000, the Fresno District Office was the recipient of the Fresno Bee's prestigious "Central California Excellence in Business Award" for Finance/Banking/Insurance. The SBA Fresno District Office is the first Federal Agency to receive this award. This is a testament to the SBA's dedication to economic development and high standards of customer service.

Although the SBA has grown and evolved in the years since it was established in 1953, the bottom line mission remains the same: they help Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Fresno District Office of the Small Business Administration for their contributions to the economy of the California Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno District Office of the SBA many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR D.L. "DON" PARSONS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of the Mayor of Northglenn, D.L. "Don" Parsons. Mayor Parsons is retiring this year, after serving the City of Northglenn for 14 years.

Mr. Parsons was born in Brewster, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Administration. He was President and CEO of the Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Company and Manager of State Legislation for KN Energy, Inc. Mr. Parsons currently heads up his own consulting firm, specializing in utility management, rates and finance. In addition to being an active member of Colorado's oil and gas community, the Mayor has dedicated much of his time to improving the quality of life for the people of Northglenn.

After being elected to public office in 1987, Mr. Parsons has brought economic development to his city, while allowing it to maintain its small town identity. Northglenn is a great place to live and raise children, and this is a direct reflection of Don Parsons' guidance and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mayor Parsons for his vision and his hard work. I would like to thank him for his years of public service. His dedication to those who elected him is admirable, and I wish him much success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING VICTIMS OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims who lost their lives in the

crash of American Airlines flight #587 on Monday, November 13, 2001 and to offer my condolences and support to their families and friends. In the last two months, New York has witnessed such horrific losses and today we mourn the loss of more than another 250 friends. The flight that crashed was heading to the Dominican Republic and the list of passengers reflects the Dominican presence in New York City—a vibrant community that is an integral part of our National cultural mosaic and part of the wonderfully diverse constituency that is my privilege to serve in the U.S. Congress. Our attention now turns to the Dominican people, both here and in their motherland, who suffered a grievous loss.

As I read the news reports, I notice the family relations on the flight which ties our community to a small country in the Caribbean. Mothers taking children to visit a never seen homeland. Nephews visiting aunts. Husbands returning to bring wives to their new lives. Parents on first vacations without the children. All the stories reflect lives prematurely ended leaving loved ones.

We cannot reverse the tragic event of yesterday and only time will perhaps reveal the circumstances that caused it, allowing us to better understand why. Today we can stand with the Dominican community and offer our assistance in the healing and restoring of their lives. We can let them know that they are not alone during this time and that we pledge to provide every available resource to them.

To the people of my district and its people of Dominican heritage: The past years we have worked side by side to improve the lives of our people and we have seen many wonderful changes. Your presence has enriched my life and contributed to the diversity that defines Upper Manhattan. I am so proud to represent you. Last night, in Washington Heights, I saw your tears and felt your pain. Please know that I mourn with you for your loss is my own. Mi apoyo, compasión, y solidaridad va para todos mis hermanos dominicanos. Frente a la tragedia y la adversidad, mi corazón esta con todos ustedes.

HONORING SYLVIA COHEN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize a distinguished resident of my district, Mrs. Sylvia Cohen, and congratulate her on receiving New Jersey's Deal Shore Hadassah Woman of the Year award.

For the past three decades, Sylvia has put forth a tireless effort as an active member of the Shore area's Jewish community. Sylvia is committed to Jewish causes and became active in the United Jewish Appeal, well before it even became the Jewish Federation. In addition, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation and is co-chair of the Business and Professional Women's Division. Furthermore, Sylvia also serves on the Monmouth University Scholarship Ball Committee, the Board of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County, and is president of the Temple Bath Torah's Sisterhood in Ocean Township. Throughout all of

her hard work and fundraising to ensure the success of these local Jewish organizations, Sylvia has remained inspired by and devoted to the Jewish community.

In her personal life, Sylvia has shown an equal level of commitment, passion, and dedication. She and her husband, Ray Cohen, have successfully established and operated two small businesses in their hometown of Deal, New Jersey. As involved as Sylvia has been and continues to be in the community and her businesses, her greatest pride is her family. She and her husband have raised five daughters and five grandchildren. Sylvia has set an example for her family as two of her daughters have both been honored by their local Hadassah chapters as Woman of the Year, as well.

Mrs. Cohen certainly serves as an example for both her family and her community. Her devotion and hard work are extraordinary and can further serve as an example for us all. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I ask you to join me in distinguishing Mrs. Sylvia Cohen for a lifetime of dedication to her family and to her Jewish community.

BEST PHARMACEUTICALS FOR CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the "Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2001", a bill I am proud to cosponsor.

Mr. Speaker, most pharmaceuticals have not been tested and labeled for pediatric safety and use. We've heard it time and time again, children are not small adults. With that in mind, why would we cut an adult dosage of medication in half and assume it's appropriate for treating a child's condition? It isn't, and that is why this legislation is so important.

This legislation re-authorizes a program that has proven to be the most effective way to generate studies of medications in children. Before the law was passed, 80 percent of drugs given to children had been tested only on adults. Since then, 60 studies have been conducted to assess the safety and effectiveness of medicines used in children, and another 400 are under way. Physicians who prescribe medications for children, and parents who administer them, now have more information about appropriate dosages, as well as, the side effects of medications in the pediatric population. It has truly been a remarkable achievement for children's health.

As part of the authorization of these "pediatric exclusivity" provisions, FDA was required to submit a report to Congress describing the results of the program and commenting on its success. FDA's report, submitted in January, stated that an unprecedented number of pediatric studies had been conducted and crucially important new pediatric labels were improving medical care for children.

According to a GAO study, "as of April 1, 2001, 28 drugs had been granted marketing exclusivity extensions, and research results have provided new and useful information about how drugs work in children, which have

been incorporated into labels for 18 drugs." This information, previously unavailable to parents and doctors, includes new information about dosing, important new safety considerations, extension of dosing, safety, and efficacy data to younger patients, along with development of age-appropriate formulations.

Because Congress was uncertain as to whether this program would be successful, it chose to "sunset" the provisions at the end of calendar year 2001. It is now time to re-authorize this highly successful program, to ensure that its accomplishments continue and that pediatric studies and labeling for many more drug products will be achieved. The 6-month period of exclusivity assures priority of pediatric studies, and helps to justify establishing infrastructure necessary for doing pediatric studies. The exclusivity has been the primary driver in building capacity and expertise in pediatric drug development. The ability of a pediatric research program to pursue unique pediatric illnesses, and pediatric-predominant diseases is dependent on such R&D resource allocations.

As a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2887, I encourage all of my colleagues to follow Representative ESHOO's leadership in supporting the continuation of this successful research program.

HONORING CHANNAHON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Channahon Fire Protection District (FPD) for its years of excellent service and commitment to the community.

The Channahon Fire Protection District was organized over 50 years ago. It protects over 38 square miles which includes Interstate 55, 11 miles of the I & M Canal, over 11 miles of the Des Plaines River as well as more than 8,000 residents.

Last year, the Channahon FPD responded to over 700 calls which is quite remarkable when you consider that 90 percent of the 45 members on the department are volunteers. Channahon FPD was also successful in winning two Fire Act Grants during the first year they were offered.

Channahon FPD believes in a commitment to excellence as shown by their continuing education programs for Department members. Tragically, the Channahon Fire Protection District recently experienced the loss of Firefighter Kenneth J. Frayne in the line of duty. Ken was a four-year member of the department and died while performing dive rescue training. Ken was twenty-eight years old and left behind his wife of three years, Deborah Frayne. I know the entire Department will miss Ken and his dedication to the service. I will keep Ken and Deborah in my thoughts and prayers.

Since the attack on September 11, 2001, the whole country is more aware of the importance of our firefighters and their critical role in our national defense and security. Channahon FPD members and volunteers are excellent examples of our nation's citizens at their finest. It has been my privilege to serve